GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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IDLE MACHINES IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that PTV, CT Scan machines used for detecting small tumours or blood clots in the brain and other important testing machines have been lying out of order/idle since long in most of the Central Government hospitals in Delhi and Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether as a result thereof patients are forced to get the expensive and vital test done in private clinics;

(c) whether Government have conducted an enquiry in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any responsibility has been fixed for such unutilized machines;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether several machines which were imported from foreign countries have not yet been installed; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): In so far as Central Governemnt Hospitals in Delhi , viz. Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and LHMC & Associate Hospitals are concerned, the CT Scan machines installed in these Hospitals are fully functional.

Central government Institute at Mumbai, viz. All India Institute of Physical Medicines and Rehabilitation has no CT Scan machine.

In the event of non-functioning of the CT Scan machine, there is a tie up arrangement with the other Central Government Hospitals for such investigations. However, the non functional status of the equipments of Central Government hospitals costing more than Rs.1 lakh are monitored every month in the Directorate General of Health Services.

(c): No, Sir.

(d)to(f): Do not arise.

(g)&(h): No medical equipments imported from foreign countries are lying uninstalled in Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and All India Institute of Physical Medicines & Rehabilitation, Mumbai.In the LHMC & Associated Hospitals Haemodialysis machine and pulmonary function test with spirometer are being installed.